



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

May 7, 2019

Ken Ward
The Charleston Gazette
1001 Virginia Street, East
Charleston, WV 25301

VIA Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Ward:

The Office of the Governor received your email on May 1, 2019 requesting, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), W. Va. Code § 29B-1-1, *et seq.*, copies of the following records:

[C]opies of any orders, letters, memoranda, announcements or other documents that reflect you, the governor, directing cabinet secretaries and/or department heads to not enter into contracts to do business with companies you or your family own until they are placed into a blind trust.

Copies of any orders, letters, memoranda, announcements or other documents in which reflect the placement of a "moratorium" on any state agencies, officials or employees being able to stay at the Greenbrier.

We have completed our search for the public records in our custody that are responsive to your request and found no records. The responsibilities of the Office of the Governor in connection with your FOIA request are now at an end. If you are aggrieved by the denial of your request, FOIA affords you the opportunity to seek injunctive or declaratory relief in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Berkeley Bentley".

Berkeley Bentley
Deputy General Counsel and
Senior Counsel for Legislative and Policy